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29 January 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller
Inspector General
Legislative Counsel
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Deputy to DCI for National Intelligence Officers

SUBJECT : Classification Standards

1. The difficulties that we have experienced and anticipate experiencing with the Freedom of Information Act and those we experienced in Knopf v. Colby (the Marchetti case) in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia present a strong case for establishing classification standards pursuant to the Director's statutory responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods. Thus, I have assigned [redacted] of this Office to undertake such a task. The initial undertaking will be to determine the best mechanism for protecting the Agency's sources and methods. One alternative that will be considered will be the drafting of an Agency regulation that will explicitly define the classification level of each aspect of the Agency's intelligence sources and methods. The results of this internal Agency effort may serve as a community model for DCID.

2. I believe this task is deserving of a very high priority within the Agency. Accordingly, I have asked [redacted] to devote his full attention to this effort and I would appreciate your designating a senior individual who can serve as the point of contact within your Directorate or Office for this task. This will permit [redacted] to work within each Directorate and Office in a fully coordinated manner.

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N S. WARNER
General Counsel

[redacted] is hereby appointed as the point of contact for the hereinabove referenced matter.

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